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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED NOVEMBER 3, 2006

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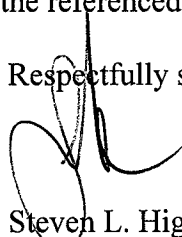
This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 3, 2006 for which the date for response was December 3, 2006. A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 3, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSC:865US/SLH.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-63, *i.e.*, the Group I claims, and Group (A), *Aspergillus* species, and sequences hybridizing to SEQ ID NO:1. Claims reading on the elected species are

claims 1-24, 30-36, and 41-63. Claims 1-15, 18-20, 22-24, 30-32, 41-49, 55-57 and 60-63 are generic.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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